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1. SUMMARY. PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA DEPARTS FOR KUALA LUMPUR WITH A LESS THAN FULL GIFT BASKET FOR ASEAN, EKED OUT BY SOME NEW BILATERAL AID PACKAGES. END SUMMARY.

2. AS PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA PREPARES TO LEAVE AUGUST 6 FOR KUALA LUMPUR, SPECIFIC ECONOMIC CONCESSIONS JAPAN PLANS TO MAKE TO ASEAN STILL APPEAR NOT TO HAVE BEEN FIXED PRECISELY. ON AUGUST 4, JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY AID SPECIALIST (MURO) INDICATED THAT CONTRARY TO EARLIER
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REPORTS PRIME MINISTER MAY MENTION DOLS 1 BILLION FIGURE AS POSSIBLE JAPANESE CONTRIBUTION TO ASEAN INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS. THIS FIGURE, HOWEVER, WOULD INCLUDE JAPANESE PRIVATE SECTOR FINANCING. JAPANESE OFFICIAL ASSISTANCE TO PROJECTS WOULD REMAIN CONTINGENT ON THEIR ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY AND ON THEIR HARMLESSNESS WITH RESPECT TO EXISTING MARKETS. AID TO PROJECTS WOULD BE ADDITIONAL

TO BILATERAL AID, NOT SUBSTITUTION FOR IT.

3. MURO SAID THAT NEW BILATERAL AID PACKAGES IN THE RANGE OF \$105 MILLION FOR THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES ARE LIKELY TO BE ANNOUNCED IN BANGKOK AND MANILA RESPECTIVELY. A NEW PACKAGE FOR MALAYSIA TO BE ANNOUNCED IN KUALA LUMPUR, HE SAID, WOULD AMOUNT TO AROUND \$80 MILLION. A SMALLER SCALE OFFERING FOR PRESENTATION TO COMPARATIVELY RICH SINGAPORE IS LIKELY TO TAKE FORM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND BURMA (WHICH RECEIVED IN JUNE A LOAN COMMITMENT EQUAL TO THOSE NOW PLANNED FOR THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES) WILL GET COMPARABLY MODEST NEW AID. PRIME MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS ON AID TO INDONESIA, MURO NOTED, WILL BE PURSUANT TO (AND MAY SPELL OUT A LITTLE MORE SPECIFICALLY THAN HITHERTO HAS BEEN THE CASE) JAPANESE COMMITMENTS MADE AT AMSTERDAM DONORS' MEETING IN APRIL 1977.

4. ON ASEAN COMMODITIES, MAIN LAST-MINUTE WORD IS FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT AUGUST 3 THAT JAPAN RATHER THAN AGREEING TO THE EXPORT INCOME STABILIZATION SCHEME PROPOSED BY ASEAN WILL AGREE TO STUDY STABILIZATION PROBLEM ALONG LINES LAID DOWN AT CIEC (REFTEL). ON AUGUST 4, WORKING LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL (INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU COORDINATION DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR MOCHIZUKI) INDICATED THAT JAPANESE MAY ANNOUNCE CONFIDENTIAL

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MONETARY CONTRIBUTION TO EXISTING GLOBAL BUFFER STOCK ARRANGEMENT FOR TIN ONLY.

5. ASEAN REQUESTS FOR TRADE PREFERENCES AND NTB REMOVAL REMAIN STYMIED BY PRIORITY OF MTN NEGOTIATIONS AND BY JAPANESE PROTECTIONISM WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFIC COMMODITIES.

6. PROPOSED JAPANESE GRANT FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND TECHNICAL TRAINING FUND, MURO NOTED, IS STILL BEING RESISTED BY FINANCE MINISTRY; FIGURE MOST RECENTLY PROPOSED (\$19 MILLION) REMAINS STILL TO BE NEGOTIATED EVEN IF JAPANESE REACH AGREEMENT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.

7. JAPANESE HAVE AGREED TO MAKE ONE SMALL CONCESSION WITH RESPECT TO TRADE, MOCHIZUKI SAID. PREVIOUSLY THE ONLY ASEAN IMPORTS WHICH RECEIVED GSP TREATMENT WERE ITEMS FOR WHICH CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN IN A SINGLE ASEAN STATE COULD BE PROVIDED. HENCEFORTH ALL ITEMS CERTIFIED AS ORIGINATING IN THEIR ENTIRETY WITHIN ASEAN AREA WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH TREATMENT.

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